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Result of the Peace Congress.

With the ending of the negotiations of the International Peace Congress, it may be said that the conference has not been in vain, for much benefit will result from its work. It is pleasing to the people of the United States to know that one of the most important features decided upon, and one which marks a great advance for peace and civilization between the nations of the world, is the scheme of arbitration, which was proposed by the American delegation. While the original plan was not adopted in full, so as to make arbitration compulsory, it is still worthy of approval and will do an immense amount of good in averting wars in the future.

It will be voluntary arbitration, in effect, it being impossible to provide a compulsory measure unless all the great powers could agree to strictly enforce it. That may come later, for the present provision is a very lengthy step in the direction of the first proposition. The New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin shows the strength of the scheme agreed to, when it says: "The recommendation of the twenty-six nations participating in the Peace Conference, that arbitration should be resorted to when diplomacy fails, cannot but have a powerful influence upon statesmen, no matter how jingoish. There is in every nation a strong sentiment opposed to war; there are always extensive interests enlisted on the side of peace. It is when they are so overcome that a nation goes to war."

We had this fact strikingly demonstrated just previous to the outbreak of the Spanish-American war of last year. When the President sought to settle the Cuban matter through diplomacy, and was doing all he could to accomplish for Cuba what was desired without resort to war, the great, impulsive war sentiment in the country was bringing a powerful influence to bear upon him. His hands and the hands of Congress were forced. Had the President had the support of enough who preferred peaceful means, he might have accomplished the purpose with less cost of money than it took to whip Spain, without loss of life, and would have averted the great responsibilities which are yet to be settled.

Returning to the good effects of the conference at The Hague, one of them is that the deliverance by the Peace Conference will affect, in a wholesome way, the moral sentiment of each nation, and all civilized nations in general which are burdened by militarism—particularly is this true of the leading European nations. One of the features of the scheme is that the conference proposes a permanent court of arbitration, which will be in itself an admonition to avert war. Being in existence already, any nation in trouble could not very well refuse its invitation to resort to it, as the means of constructing the court are agreed to by all.

Taking all things into consideration, the results of the Peace Conference are most satisfactory, especially so to the people of the United States, whose delegates have had so much influence throughout the proceedings, and who are accorded the credit for the most important result of the historic affair.

A Tribute Well Deserved.

The East Liverpool Daily Crisis, while, possibly not intending to do so, pays Congressman Dovenor a very high compliment in the following editorial comment:

Pittsburgh papers are teeming with the stories of the development of real estate about Beaver, as the result of the location of the new dam at that point, securing a fine harbor. And, meantime, Captain Dovenor, with his "pull," secures the next dam where it will benefit Wheeling and her immediate vicinity, instead of beginning work on the first dam below that at Beaver. It is time for this section to bestir herself. Indications are that the next Congress will not be so largely as the last one was. And the appeal should be made to follow the order begun years ago, of systematically continuing the black water improvements on down the Ohio from Pittsburgh, instead of improving it in spots. If we could just get Bob Taylor on that river and harbor committee something might be done speedily.

The logic of this is that Congressman Dovenor's services, as a member of the rivers and harbors committee, have been efficient enough, not alone to his own constituency, but to other constituencies along the Ohio Valley. The "pull," as the Crisis is pleased to call it, was not only sufficient to secure a dam at Wheeling, where it will benefit a great manufacturing centre, but to secure other measures looking to the accomplishment of the great work, which is now a certainty, that will open up the Ohio river to perpetual navigation at no distant time.

The scheme which went through the last two Congresses does not contain

plate making improvements in spots, but to eventually make the system complete. East Liverpool will have just as much cause to compliment Captain Dovenor's efforts in the next Congress, so far as it is concerned, as it has now to give him credit for what he has already done.

The Crisis, in rendering tribute to our congressman, should not forget that he has also been officially commended by the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, and the trade and commercial interests generally from Pittsburgh to the mouth of the Ohio. He does not claim all the credit, but as the representative for Ohio river improvements on the committee, he has been able to do very much in conjunction with other representatives from the Ohio and Monongahela Valleys.

Violence Doesn't Help Strikes.

In view of the riotous conduct which has characterized the street car strikes in Cleveland and New York, the question of the conduct of strikes is being discussed in all its various phases. There are some points being argued by demonstration in Cleveland, and which bear out some theories that were long ago laid down by conservative labor leaders, and by statisticians who have made such matters a study. One of the arguments frequently made is that, for certain reasons, many strikes have not resulted in the betterment of the wage-workers, one of them being the conduct of ill-advised sympathizers who incite a condition of affairs which prolong the situation, create disorder, to the point where the men they sympathize with are handicapped in their efforts. We have witnessed such results in many instances; it was so in Brooklyn; it has made it necessary to provide military protection in Cleveland.

It is natural for the public sympathy to be with toilers who have just complaints, and it is often the case that, at the beginning, the public is willing to aid the strikers, so long as it can do so legitimately. It is a wonder that this sympathy is sometimes abused, for in very large cities it is presumed upon, and the sympathy is largely reversed by the reckless conduct of a few of the strikers, notwithstanding the majority and the leaders counsel a peaceful contest. Unfortunately, when violence is resorted to by this element the leaders are held responsible, no matter what their attitude, and the result is, the employers appeal to the law and the strikers are placed on the defensive.

The great success attained by some organizations, notably the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is largely due to the fact that, in the rare event of a strike, a special committee of strikers is selected to see that no injury is done to any person or to property. It always succeeds. In a comment on way some strikes fail, the Louisville Courier Journal, referring to the Cleveland disturbances, suggests that a strike must be won, if at all, by moral suasion, and not force, and continues:

It is safe to say that even in cases where the strikers are manifestly right the same results would follow. Alienate the good will of the public and the strike had best be called off at once. Any show of force or violence alienates the best friends of labor at once. That is largely why there is such a record of failures in the long list of strikes notwithstanding the sympathy that is always given to such movements.

These are timely suggestions. They seem to apply more to street car strikes than to any other kind. The reason that a street car strike stirs up a whole community, and involves so much, is that its field of operations embraces the entire territory through which the railway line runs, and the cars and the men who are running them are openly exposed to attacks, in which all sorts of persons participate. A strike of skilled workmen in a mill or a factory, is not fraught with such scenes and dangers. They are, in the vast majority of cases, peaceably conducted.

General Weyler, whom Americans and Cubans remember with such tender feelings, received a rebuke from a member of the Spanish cabinet Wednesday, pending the debate on the army bill in the senate. When Weyler undertook to warn the government that a revolution was not improbable, and admitted that, while he had not thought of heading a rising, yet revolutions often accomplished the work of regeneration, the minister of the interior reminded him that a general who, with an army of 300,000 men, had failed to suppress the Cuban rebellion, had no right to threaten revolution. Then Weyler discovered how popular he was, for the whole senate applauded this rebuke. Weyler is reaping the harvest from the seed he himself sowed.

A ruling made by Postmaster General Smith will relieve soldiers, sailors and others in the government service in the new possessions from paying extra postage for having their mail sent to them from headquarters where they are ordinarily addressed. Under the order the actual location of the soldier shall be regarded as the original destination, and the letters and papers will be forwarded with the original stamp. The payment of extra postage has been a matter of inconvenience, and useless expense to the recipients of the mail. The new rule applies to the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and Guam.

The Evening News announces that its comment on Minister Hart was only intended as a joke, or, to use the News' own expressions, a "few pleasantries," and a "few bouquets by an indirect route," possibly relieves its conscience. The News is given to such pleasantries and just such apologies. Its habit of throwing things by an "indirect route," is one of the broad-minded policies that are so characteristic of some alleged newspapers.

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Philadelphia in September, promises to be a very important session this year, in view of the historic events that have occurred since last year's meeting, and the fact that it will be held amid the scenes that have attached to them so many patriotic memories.

Court was Overruled.

Chicago News: One little Chicago girl is a born diplomat. Last Friday she was up to all kinds of mischief, unkindful of her mother's repeated warnings, and finally she wound up by getting the baby and her younger sister

and taking them out on the roof of the house for a romp. Her mother found them hanging over the edge, watching the people on the pavement far below and after she had carried them safely downstairs she administered a severe rebuke to the ringleader. This so angered the little miss that she seized a sheet of stick fly paper and plastered it on baby's head, just to relieve her feelings. For the next two hours the entire household was engaged in separating the baby from the paper, and when this operation was finally completed the mother called the little one to her and talked to her very seriously indeed, winding up with: "I think you are the most mischievous little imp I have ever seen."

"Why, mamma," replied the little one, her blue eyes wide with innocent amazement, "I've heard lots of people who come here say: 'Why, Mrs. Brown, I never saw such lovely children.'"

And then the judgment was suspended while the court took a recess.

YOUNG WOMEN TOO SHY.

Should Give Men More Encouragement to Pop the Question.

New York Herald: Dr. Hartland Law, of San Francisco, who has been lecturing at the Berkeley Lyceum for the last two days on "Higher Physical Conditions," believes that women should propose, as well as men.

He thinks that men have had too much of a monopoly, and that it is about time to enter upon a new departure.

Dr. Law's views have created a stir in feminine circles, for he declared in his lecture that so many fine women would not be unmarried if the custom of the men "popping the question" were not strons.

"Now, this conventional method," said Dr. Law to me yesterday, "of men proposing is all right up to a certain point, but the women are not getting a fair show. Every young woman who believes that a man would make a good husband, and that he would be a fine father, should have the right to propose to him. Of course, some girls do, but there are many, whose shyness prevents them from taking the step."

"Members of the gentler sex should cast aside conventionalities many times. I believe that if it were understood that women should propose—as well as men—there would be 50 per cent more marriages. Also, I believe that the marriages would be happier if the women proposed rather than the men in many instances, for a woman's instinct is a great factor. Men may make mistakes, but women do so rarely."

"My wife occasionally says to me: 'Don't you have anything to do with that man.' I may have associated considerably with him, but I soon discover that my wife is right."

Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake is inclined to believe that Dr. Law's position on the subject of popping the question is a good one in certain cases.

"The trouble with some of our finest young women," said she to me, "is that they are so afraid of being misunderstood that they do not give sufficient encouragement to young men. Naturally it would be very distressing to a girl to have a young man feel that she wants him to marry her when he may not be in love with her. But there are many cases where the girl is so confident that she will not give sufficient encouragement to a young man."

"Take the case of a wealthy young woman who is admired by a poor young man. He is a worthy man, but his pride prevents him from asking for the hand of the wealthy girl. Why should not the young woman propose?"

"Many of the sweetest and loveliest young women are too shy. Their diffidence is mistaken by young men for coldness. These young ladies should overcome their undue shyness and give more encouragement to the men."

A Change All Around.

Detroit Free Press: "There goes a party who will be heard from," said Smith, pointing to a young man who was going down the street. "He has managed to keep his head in love and financial matters, and they are the two great tests."

"Two months ago he was a young man with all the world before him and with no prospects ahead of him except a determination to fight life's battle."

"He was in love with a young lady living in this city, but his financial condition prevented him from declaring his passion, besides he was not sure that the young lady in question cared for him."

"But by one of those curious turns of the wheel of fortune an old aunt, that he had never seen, died and left him a large sum of money. Without delay he called upon the young lady and asked her to marry him, saying nothing about the fortune that had been left him. He met with a point blank refusal."

"Two days later the girl heard of his unexpected windfall, and wrote him a note, saying, 'I have changed my mind.'"

"His answer was just as short. It said: 'So have I.'"

The Man Behind the Mule.

De poets ben a-writin' 'bout de man behine de gun. An' 'bout de man behine mas' ebby'in' ben de sun. But nary pusson yit er dis yere paper-writin' sehool. Hab sarterly de virtues er de man behine de mule.

Hit true de man behine de gun am mighty full er pluck. De man behine de base-ball mask hair' made er common truck. De man behine de trottie come up ter de hero rule. But dey all bain' take de chawnces er de man behine de mule.

I ben dar, an' I knows de ins an' outs er Fom' experience in de hospital 'bout harf mear libbin' days. An' Mimy's out now huntin' ter de fragmen's war week undertook ter dribe ter town behine er mule.

—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The secret service has just unearthed another band of counterfeiters, and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected for imitation, notably Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imitators but no equals for disorders like indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. Always go to reliable druggists who have the reputation of giving what you ask for.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Vanity is the mother of puffed-upness.

A scrapbook ought to prove a great help to pugilists.

Too often we punish little thieves and honor big ones.

Patrons of a beer saloon look upon the high collar with favor.

There is nothing so profound as the ignorance of some people.

After a girl reaches twenty-five she loses all interest in birthday parties.

Photographs may not lie, but they are usually given to artful flattery.

But few men are glad to see the letter carrier on the first of the month.

No man ever lets his acquaintances know how small he really considers himself.

The man who first told the world that honesty is the best policy evidently tried both.

If a fortune-teller doesn't miss the truth more than nine times out of a possible ten his fortune is made.

This is the glad season of the year when the festive suburbanite borrows his neighbor's lawnmower and wishes he lived downtown in a flat.—Chicago Daily News.

Facts and Figures.

As many as 4,061 muscles have been counted in the body of a moth.

In India only one male in ten and one female in 160 are able to read.

It is estimated that at the beginning of the new century England will have \$2,000,000,000 tons of coal still unused and available.

Among birds the swan lives to be the oldest, in extreme cases reaching 200 years; the falcon has been known to live over 163 years.

Switzerland produces annually more books than any other country in proportion to the number of inhabitants, namely, one to every 3,000.

A German army officer estimates that in the century just closing no less than 30,000,000 men have been killed in war in civilized countries.

It is estimated that this year the yield of the three principal grains will be: Corn, 2,121,000,000 bushels; oats, 775,000,000 bushels; and wheat, 560,140,000 bushels.

The town of Warren, Pa., with 10,000 population, has 1,480 bicycles, according to the count returned by the assessors. This is almost an average of one wheel to every family in the place.

The largest dairy in the world is located fourteen miles from Newark, N. J., the minimum number of cows being 1,900. The proprietor runs a ranch in Iowa for the special purpose of supplying his dairy with cows.

In the estimation of coin collectors the most valuable of all the American coins to-day is the perfect silver dollar of 1804. The highest auction price is \$1,000, and there is a record of \$1,200 having been paid for one at a private sale.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Every woman has an idea that she "holds her age well."

Life's thorns were created to keep people from acting hogish with roses.

Love is a dream. Whether it is a night-mare or not depends a lot on what you had for dinner.

There was never but one really brave man. He told a woman he didn't think her baby was unusually bright for its age.

Religion may say what it will; but there comes a time to every human soul when it knows that there can be no heaven for it where some one other human soul is not.—New York Press.

Say It, Do.
If you've any task to do,
Let me whisper my friend, to you
Do it.

If you've anything to say,
True and needed, yes or nay,
Say it.

If you've anything to love
As a blessing from above,
Love it.

If you've anything to give,
That another's joy may live,
Give it.

If some hollow creed you doubt,
Tho' the whole world hoot and shout,
Doubt it.

If you've any debt to pay,
Rest you neither night nor day,
Pay it.

If you've any joy to hold
Near your heart, lest it grow cold,
Hold it.

If you've any grief to meet,
At a loving Father's feet,
Meet it.

If you know what torch to light,
Guiding others in the night,
Light it.

—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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